

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 2, first full paragraph (lines 10-20)

As a countermeasure to prevent the skew of the sheet, a sheet supply construction to prevent various kinds of standard-size sheets from tilting by providing ribs of which width is widened gradually according to standard-sizes of sheet on the outside of the curved portion to reverse standard-size sheet supplied from sheet supply cassettes is disclosed in the Japanese Patent Disclosure No. [[6-284168]] 2-284168 as a measure to prevent the sheet skew. Further, a sheet feeder provided with ribs to the side guide plated corresponding to sheet widths to prevent skew when standard-size sheet supplied from sheet supply cassettes are vertically conveyed is disclosed in the Japanese Patent Disclosure No. 7-76438.

Page 8, second full paragraph, (lines 8-12), third full paragraph (lines 13-22)

The image forming was made with this image forming apparatus 10 by supplying sheet using manual sheet supply tray 15. As a result, postcards P1 could be conveyed satisfactorily without causing skew and a good image was obtained on the ordinary sheet [[P1]] P2 without generating such a defect as image void at the central portion.

According to this embodiment, special sheet rib 18a is provided at the center of sheet guide 13 which leads sheet P to aligning roller 14 from manual sheet supply tray 15 for inserting postcard P1 and controlling both sides and therefore, postcard P1 can be conveyed vertically to aligning roller 14 without causing the skew even when the sheet supply force of sheet supply roller 17 is not increased. Further, it is also possible to convey ordinary sheet [[P1]] P2 vertically to aligning roller 14 while supporting a side of ordinary sheet P2 by special sheet rib 18a likewise another support rib 18b without bending the central portion.

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Furthermore, as the central portion of a side of ordinary sheet ~~[[P1]]~~ P2 is pressed by the pressing member 20, the bending of the center is prevented surely in spite of somewhat wider distance between special sheet ribs 18a and a good image is obtained without causing defecting images. Accordingly, both ordinary sheet P2 and postcard P1 can be satisfactorily conveyed vertically from manual sheet supply tray 15 and a good image can be formed and it becomes possible to achieve the practical use of a small image forming apparatus.